

United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina

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Number of Judgeships: 7

Number of Vacancies: 1

Areas Covered: Counties of Alexander, Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Iredell, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Union, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey

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Robert J. Conrad, Jr.
Chief Judge

Education: Clemson 1980 BA; Virginia 1983 JD
Began Service: June 3, 2005
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: U.S. Attorney, North Carolina - Western District, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice

Legal Practice: Law Clerk, Michie, Hamlett, Donato & Lowry (1981-1983); Associate, Michie, Hamlett, Donato & Lowry (1983-1986); Partner, Horn & Conrad (1986-1987); Attorney, Robert J. Conrad, Jr., PA (1987-1988); Partner, Bush Thurman & Conrad (1988)

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Richard Lesley Voorhees
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1941
Education: Davidson 1963 BA; North Carolina 1968 JD
Began Service: October 28, 1988
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan
Political Affiliation: Republican

Academic: Instructor (part-time), Gaston College (1980)

Government: Member, Board of Elections, County of Gaston, North Carolina (1970-1972)

Judicial: Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina (1991-1998); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina (2006)

Legal Practice: Associate, Garland, Alala, Bradley & Gray; Partner, Garland & Alala (1974-1980); Richard L. Voorhees Law Firm (1980-1988)

Military Service: United States Army (1963-1965); United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1965-1969)

Current Memberships: Federal Judges Association; North Carolina Bar Association; The North Carolina State Bar

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Lacy H. Thornburg
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1929
Education: North Carolina 1951 BA, 1954 JD
Began Service: March 21, 1995
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Government: State Representative (NC), North Carolina House of Representatives (1961-1966); Attorney General, State of North Carolina (1985-1992); Member, Indian Gaming Commission, United States Department of the Interior (1994-1995)

Judicial: Judge, North Carolina Superior Court (1967-1983)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1954-1967)

Military Service: United States Army (1947-1948)

Current Memberships: North Carolina Bar Association

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David C. Keesler
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: July 10, 1962
Education: North Carolina 1984 BA; Virginia 1987 JD
Began Service: May 3, 2004
Term Expires: May 2012

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Mecklenburg County Bar Association; North Carolina Bar Association

Staff

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Term Expires: December 2009
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Dennis L. Howell
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: October 5, 2004

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Frank D. Whitney
District Judge

Date of Birth: November 1959
Education: Wake Forest 1982 BA; North Carolina 1987 MBA, 1987 JD
Began Service: July 2006
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

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Martin Karl Reidinger
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1958
Education: North Carolina 1981 BS, 1984 JD
Began Service: September 17, 2007
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Legal Practice: Associate, Adams Hendon Carson Crow & Saenger, P.A. (1984-1989); Shareholder, Adams Hendon Carson Crow & Saenger, P.A. (1989-2007)

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Graham C. Mullen
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1940
Education: Duke 1962 BA, 1969 JD
Began Service: October 25, 1990
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican

Judicial: Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina

Legal Practice: Partner, Mullen, Holland, Cooper, Morrow, Wilder & Sumner (1969-1990)

Military Service: United States Navy (1962-1966)

Current Memberships: Mecklenburg County Bar Association; The North Carolina State Bar

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